

City Of Federal Dam
Regular Council Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2025 @6:00

APPROVED

Present: Mayor Raines, Council members Zobava, Lego, Yuhala, Monette, Clerk Payment, Treasurer Knox, Maintenance worker Francis.

Absent: N/A

Visitors: Justin Payment, Susan Bacca

Pledge of Allegiance:

***Add Cemetery update to old business.**

Approval of Agenda: M/S/P, (Zobava, Yuhala)

Approval of Consent Agenda: M/S/P, (Zobava, Lego)

Approval of Minutes of previous City Council Meeting from July 14, 2025, Cash Control Statement, FDSP billing and expense reports, Customer Balance Summary, Approval of **Claims (\$9315.13) Payroll (\$1453.58) M/S/P (Zobava, Lego)**

Citizen Petitions, requests: N/A

Treasurer's Report:

As of July 31, 2025, our balance is \$84,544.99 in checking \$4,040.00 in our savings account.

We received a refund from our Workman's Comp Audit in June 2025 for \$944.00. Wages were a lot higher in 2023, but significantly lower in 2024.

Federal 941 taxes were sent in July.

Mn Dot money was received in July in the amount of \$5805.00.

Clerk Report- Available upon request

Maintenance Report- Available upon request

New Business

- A motion was made to apply gravel on the alleyway between Cedar and Birch streets, between Second and Third Ave. This was on our city's alleyway road plan for 2025.
M/S/P (Monette, Yuhala)

- A motion was made to get a load of 1 inch rock for the sewer plant. This is used for filling potholes, and securing the landscaping cloth on the septic field at the sewer plant **M/S/P (Yuhala, Monette)**
- A motion was made to pre-pay 2,000 gallons of propane with Northern Star Cenex for 2025-2026. **M/S/P (Yuhala, Zobava)**
- A motion was made to sign a Maintenance Agreement with MN Pump Works for 2025-2026. This company is more local than the previous pump company we contracted with. We will get one inspection a year from them @ approximately \$1500.00. They will then let us know of any deficiencies we have with our sewer system so we can keep ongoing maintenance. Once we have a contract with them, they are obligated to assist with any emergencies we may have. Again, they are more local (Bemidji), so we will save on previous costly trip charges/fees. **M/S/P (Monette, Yuhala)**
- A motion was made to **NOT** raise the Levy for 2026. **M/S/P (Yuhala, Lego)**
- A motion was made to approve a building permit for parcel # **88-351-0130**. Maintenance worker Francis had no concerns. **M/S/P (Zobava, Monette.)**

Old Business

- **Cemetery Update-** We don't need to hire a contractor to limb and remove brush at the Fairview Cemetery. Maintenance worker Francis will start this project in the fall. The goal is to uncover years of brush/ tree overgrowth to uncover and clear out our land, that has many plots that have already been purchased. This is a big project that needs immediate attention. The county owns the ditch area by county road 8 at our north entrance. There are 4 dead trees will be removed by the county in the fall.
- **Roadside Speed Sign-** tabled until September. Clerk will check with Cass County Hwy Dept.
- **General Fund-**Moving money from our General Fund will be tabled until September's meeting when we look at the finances again.
- **Sourcewell Door Grant Project-** A motion was made to remove our front sliding door, put in our new door with keypad that we already purchased in its place and frame it in. We will purchase another identical door and keypad for clerks' office, and make a ramp going into the hallway for a handicap access to the public restroom. We will purchase a window to put into the office wall so clerk can assist customers safely, this will eliminate the customer's coming into our clerk's office space. We will also purchase a handicap accessible toilet so that we are compliant with the Minn State Statute. This is all made possible from a previously awarded Enbridge grant, and a new Sourcewell Boost grant for a total of approximately \$3,650.00. **M/S/P (Zobava, Lego)**

The next city council meeting will be September 8, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. at the city hall.

Adjourned: 6:45 P.M. M/S/P (Zobava, Lego)

Attest to: Kenneth Raines- Mayor OR Mandi Payment- Clerk

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